

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of February 21, 2018

Council members present at roll call: Jim Stangel Josh Kelling Tom Gehring
 Crystal Johnson Jim Kiousis Jim Coleman

Others present: Mayor Dan DeRossett Sheri Ramey, Fiscal Officer
 Laura Braddock Irene Gehring Joel Bender Todd Mosher
 Jim Meyers Gene Rice Todd Mosher Robert Lenhart
 Marybeth Guenther

Mayor DeRossett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance following.

Minutes

The minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting were read individually and a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting was made by Stangel and was seconded by Gehring with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

Treasurer’s Report:

The treasurer’s report was reviewed and a motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Stangel and was seconded by Kelling with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

List of Bills:

The list of bills was reviewed and a motion to approve the list of bills was made by Kelling and was seconded by Gehring with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

Audience:

- Joel Bender from Whitaker-Myers was present to go over the insurance policy for the year. Bender explained the slight increase due to a couple of claims from the previous year. He also discussed cyber security liability, at which council did not want to increase the valuation at this time.

Mayor’s report: Dan DeRossett:

- DeRossett reported that they still need to find a couple more people to serve on the planning commission as to not have an issue with the correct ratio of people for a vote. DeRossett went on to say that it is dire to have enough people so that a tie vote would not be an issue in the future. Also he discussed the trust and how heavily the village depends on it each year, and again mentioned that they need to find more ways to save money.

Solicitor: Greg Huber:

- Huber reported that he had legislation for the Ohio Basic Code. Huber also said he received a call from BPA clerk Heather Davis as to what the law was on charging the village for water and sewer fees. She said that there was an issue with a leak at the legion building that was pretty substantial from the pipes freezing in the basement. Davis said that after looking into the ORC, it states that you cannot charge a municipality that you are governed by. Huber agreed with her that the BPA is under the same branch as the village and they should not be charged.
 - DeRossett said that there is quite a bit of open air in that basement and that they needed to shore up the cracks and gaps, as well as the old coal shoot to help with the freezing down there. Ramey said that Jim Ramsey did replace the pipe and she thought that he also put heat tape around the pipes, but could not be sure.
 - Ramey said they discussed renting the upstairs of the legion and that Gehring will address that during finance.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jim Stangel:

- Stangel reported that they did not have a meeting in January, but did say that he needs to have Todd check out the storm sewer by Yankee’s house on South Main. Also discussed was the state plow trucks taking chunks out of some of the curbing. There will be no meeting in February.

Finance: Tom Gehring:

- Gehring reported that they did indeed discuss renting the upstairs of the legion building to help offset the costs of the utilities. After much discussion a motion to continue with plans to prepare for renting the apartment above the Legion was made by Coleman and was seconded by Kelling with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0. The next meeting will be February 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m

Legislative and Planning: Jim Coleman:

- Coleman reported that he had not heard anything else from the concrete company that was interested in the old spencer museum building on Jackson Street.
- Coleman also reported that the township was possibly thinking of putting up a new salt bin where the current one is, but a bigger one. He said he did not think it would meet the specifications and commented that maybe the village could offer them to put one up by our maintenance facility, or work out some sort of plan with them.
- Coleman stated that there was still no movement at Spencer Feed for the gas pumps at this time.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Josh Kelling

- Kelling reported they agreed in committee to replace the timer on the basketball courts and to set the lights to only be on from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm.; eliminating the need to have to keep pushing the timer.
- Kelling had a quote from Davey Tree to plant eight trees in the Veteran’s Memorial Park to replace the ones that were taken down. The cost would be \$1,032.00.
 - A motion to allow Davey Tree to replace the eight trees, after Ramey certifies the money, was made by Gehring and was seconded by Coleman with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
 - Kelling also reported that the frisbee golf people were a no show at their meeting so they do not have anything to report on that.
- Kelling reported also that Todd needed to order new flags for the streets for \$1,100.00. Ramey said to please wait until she can make sure there is money available.
- Johnson reported that the beautification committee was planning to purchase 20 seasonal flags as well to replace the banners.
 - Johnson also reported that she is looking into a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the park trails.
- There will be no February meeting

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Jim Coleman:

- Coleman reported that the IT person had come and upgraded the computers in the police department with solid state hard drives. He said they also discussed different formats on reporting.

Fiscal Officer’s Report: Sheri Ramey

- Ramey reported that she had been informed by MT business that our copier is outdated and will no longer be supported, and also that the parts for it are no longer available. She explained the costs and the contract from them. A motion to purchase the copier for \$2,390.00 was made by Coleman and was seconded by Kelling with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0
- Gehring reported that the furnace is also obsolete and they also cannot get any more parts for it. Ramey had a quote from Wellington Indoor Comfort for \$13,985.00 for two new furnaces and two new air conditioning units. Council would like to get a couple more quotes before making a decision.

Ramey read the following legislation by title only:

Ordinance 1-18

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING’S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2017 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three reading requirement was made by Coleman and was seconded by Gehring with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Kelling “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Johnson “yes”, Kiouisis “yes”, Coleman “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 1-18 as an emergency was made by Kiouisis and was seconded by Stangel with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Kelling “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Johnson “yes”, Kiouisis “yes”, Coleman “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 2-18

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE 2018 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three reading requirement was made by Coleman and was seconded by Kelling with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Kelling “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Johnson “yes”, Kiousis “yes”, Coleman “yes”. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2-18 as an emergency was made by Kiousis and was seconded by Kelling, with a roll call vote of: Stangel “yes”, Kelling “yes”, Gehring “yes”, Johnson “yes”, Kiousis “yes”, Coleman “yes”. Motion carried 6-0

Old Business:

Stangel reported to council that he would not need to change the meeting dates because of his schooling since he changed curriculum dates.

New Business:

Nothing to report

- A motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation was made by Coleman and was seconded by Gehring, with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.
 - Council resigned into executive session at 8:30 p.m.
 - Council resumed regular session at 8:45 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Coleman and was seconded by Kiousis with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.